

# **Health Insurance Rate Increase Summary**

# The Texas Department of Insurance

# Insurer and Filing Information

Company Name Trustmark Life Insurance Co. SERFF Tracking # TRST-127758402

Company NAIC# 62863 State Tracking # 2838166
Market Segment Small Group Effective Date 09/01/2011
Type of Insurance Major Medical Filing Date 11/02/2011

Change Period Annual Grandfathered? No

# Impact of the Rate Increase

Average Rate Increase 10.6 percent Texas Policyholders Affected 593
Minimum Rate Increase 0.0 percent Texas Covered Lives Affected 8,201
Maximum Rate Increase 29.0 percent

#### **Drivers of the Rate Increase**

- Medical trend Medical trend represents the increase in cost and utilization of medical services.
- Changes in area factors Area factors reflect the general cost level of an area, the differences in medical practices by area, the specialization and intensity of services in an area, and the amount of competition in an area. The changes in area factors ranged from -42 percent to 16 percent.
- > Adverse experience Companies adjust rates when actual experience deviates from expected.

# Components of the Rate Increase

Increase due medical trend 13.0 percent Average change due to area factors -3.2 percent Adverse experience 0.8 percent

### **Prior Rate Increases**

2010 15.1 percent 2009 13.9 percent 2008 6.4 percent

To request a copy of the rate filing submitted by the company, send an open records request to <a href="mailto:lifehealth@tdi.state.tx.us">lifehealth@tdi.state.tx.us</a> and include the state tracking number in your email.

#### **Rate Review Process**

TDI actuarial staff reviews rate filings for completeness when received. Rather than rejecting an incomplete filing, TDI works with companies to obtain complete information to perform a full actuarial review. TDI often must make subsequent requests because companies' previous responses were incomplete or generated additional questions.

November 2011 to mid-January 2012: TDI requested information to obtain a complete filing and begin its review.

Mid-January to early March:
TDI completed the initial review
and communicated with the
company about remaining
questions.

March to July:
TDI completed its final review
and found the rate increase to
be "not unreasonable."